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For: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL RETROVIRUS
ASSOCIATED WITH PRIMARY SCLEROSING
CHOLANGITIS AND AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS
Attorney Docket No.: 9926-003-999

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2001, and the Advisory Action dated August 22, 2002, in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is:

- (a) Exhibit A, a marked up version of a replacement paragraphs of the specification;
- (b) Exhibit B, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein;
- (c) Exhibit C: the claims which will be pending upon entry of the present amendment; (d) an Amendment Fee Transmittal; and (e) a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Marked up versions of the following amended paragraphs are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from the paragraphs is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added to the paragraphs is indicated by underlining.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning "Figure 1 Phylogenetic tree of Clustal," with the following paragraph: